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## **New Jewel-Osco partnership ...**

### **Rx Buying Club offers discounts on drugs**

The state's drug-buying club for seniors and disabled people has announced a partnership with Jewel-Osco that gives new members who sign up at any of the store's 280 Illinois locations during May a free voucher for a \$25 gift card and Health Care Advisor book (\$14.95 value).

Jewel-Osco joins the drug store chain, Walgreens, in helping the state raise awareness about its new discount card program. Through May 15, seniors who sign up for the program at Walgreens will receive a \$25 Walgreens gift card. Both chains volunteered to become Level-One pharmacies in the new program, which means they will offer members of the Buying Club the deepest discounts available under the plan. They will also continue to make applications available even after the special offers expire.

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced today that during the month of May, Older Americans Month, the state will run an aggressive campaign alerting seniors about the Illinois Rx Buying Club, which helps people over the age of 65 and the disabled save money on their prescription medications.

"In Illinois, about one out of every three people over 65 has no prescription drug coverage whatsoever. They are paying the highest drug prices in the world out of pocket. We know that's a huge problem, and that's why we worked hard to put together a program that helps seniors get a discount on their medications so they can afford to follow their doctors' orders," said Blagojevich.

"The Illinois Rx Buying Club is already helping more than 64,000 Illinois seniors and disabled residents save on their prescription drugs. We want to make sure others who qualify know that help is available."

The new Rx Buying Club is available to all Illinois residents age 65 and over and disabled people. Members pay a \$25 annual administrative fee and in return receive a discount card they can use when purchasing any prescription medication at more than 50,000 participating pharmacies across the United States. Since its launch in January, the program has achieved average savings of 21 percent for its 64,500 members.

For more information about the Illinois Rx Buying Club or to obtain an application, visit a local Jewel-Osco or Walgreens pharmacy, call toll free 1-866-215-3463, (1-866-215-3479 TTY), or visit the official website at [www.illinoisrxbuyingclub.com](http://www.illinoisrxbuyingclub.com).

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